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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/827,096

Applicants: Hiroyuki MIYAKE

Filing Date: April 6, 2001

For: IMAGING DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 2615

Examiner: H. LONG

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Provisional Election

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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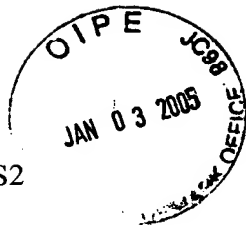
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 2, 2004, Applicants elect with traverse species 1, drawn to Figure 1 and identifies Claims 1-2 as corresponding thereto.

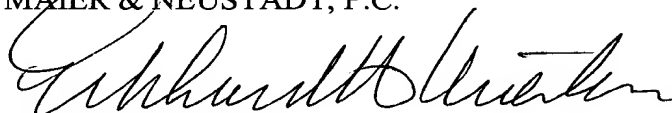
The Restriction Requirement asserts that the application contains claims to distinct inventions. However, MPEP § 803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-18 is believed to be in order, and
an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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